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*Jennifer Ashley's New York Times bestselling Shifters Unbound series continues as a shifter and a human are faced with the unexpected, undeniable pull of a bond*

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## **Bear Attraction Details**

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## From Reader Review Bear Attraction for online ebook

### **Jennifer Ashley says**

Walker and Rebecca's story. Austin Shiftertown. Events take place after Wild Wolf and before Mate Bond. These two are hot! Also, you'll meet new Shifters plus see more of Broderick and Joanne.

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### **Sophia Triad says**

Rebecca rocks! I was so happy with this book. It is so hard to find a good story with a female bear shifter. These books are so rare. Moreover, it is hard to find a story with a strong enough human male who will eventually become the female bear shifter's mate.

Female bear shifters are usually big, tall, strong, independent - not delicate little flowers. Jennifer Ashley in this story manages to make Rebecca also look sexy, funny and a good team player. Her future mate, Walker, is standing strong by her side and he completes her. Although he is just human, he does not feel intimidated by her, he gains her respect and together they find love.

Walker is a man with power. He loves being in charge. His relationship with Rebecca is about balance and power exchange. The two of them battle in words, wrestle a bit, spar a bit more and in the end they will take their arguments to the bedroom. Walker is military. He follows procedures and he gives commands and Rebecca has to follow his rules and his regulations. For her own good. Of course.

I liked the building sexual tension and I liked that the writer is showing both of the main characters' points of view. They both seem to be so cool, but they both have strong desires and emotions which are trying to hide. They are basically burning inside.

In this book, we also learn a bit more about the shifters' groupies, their behaviour and their style in order to attract shifters. And another interesting character, Kendrick, is introduced. The white tiger and guardian.

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### **RachelW (BamaGal) says**

I really enjoyed this novella. I was expecting a story that fit within the parameters of the 'formula' of this series; but was pleasantly surprised to discover a story that introduced a whole new plotline thread to the series.

As much as I enjoyed Bec and Walker, I'm really looking forward to reading more about the rogue shifter/guardian Kendrick. The series is taking another step forward in the possibilities of getting the shifter collars off..and maybe he ends of the shifter towns someday...

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### **Darcy says**

Rebecca and Walker are an interesting pair. I liked how from the start both were smitten with the other, but

not quite sure what to do about it. I liked that Walker used his position to get closer to Rebecca and force her to spend time with him. You knew that even as she complained about it she loved it too. I liked how Walker interacted with the other Bears and Shifters around town. I'm not sure what to think about what the two of them discovered, especially once Dylan stuck his nose in. All I know for sure is that things are about to get very interesting in Shiftertown.

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### **Paraphrodite says**

3.5 stars.

Walker and Rebecca makes a strong couple, even though Walker is human and Rebecca a Kodiak Bear. You definitely don't want to come between a female Kodiak and her mate!!!

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### **Reading In Pajamas says**

REVIEW: Bear Attraction: A Shifters Unbound Novella by Jennifer Ashley <http://wp.me/p3d0RZ-26j>

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Reviewed by: Reading in Pajamas/ Donna

Rated: 4.5 Stars

I really enjoyed this installment in the Shifters Unbound series. Rebecca is a strong alpha female that is still likeable while Walker is an alpha human without being too domineering. They made the perfect couple. It took a long time to finally 'get together' because of everything going on around them but it was worth the wait. I liked the angle and intrigue as it kept you wanting to know what happens next while letting everyone's personality shine through. A great mix of characters and a smoldering romance. A fun quick read.

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### **Sandy S says**

4 stars

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REVIEW: 4 stars--BEAR ATTRACTION is the latest novella in Jennifer Ashley's contemporary, adult Shifters Unbound paranormal, romance series focusing on the shifters from Shiftertown USA. This is human Shifter Bureau liaison Walker Danielson and Kodiak bear shifter Rebecca. BEAR ATTRACTION can be read as a stand alone without any difficulty. As per Jennifer's style of writing, many of the previous storyline characters and couples play a secondary and supporting role. Any important background information is revealed when necessary.

**SOME BACKGROUND:** Approximately twenty years earlier shifters were exposed to the human population. Out of fear, discrimination and specieism, the shifters were collared in the belief that it would control aggression then forced into segregated communities known as Shiftertowns. There are several Shiftertowns located throughout the world where shifters live in a relative but strained peace amongst their own kind. But once in awhile, a shifter crosses into human territory and the resulting upheaval is handled by the government's Shifter Bureau. Not all shifters were caught under the Shiftertown ordinance; some remain free and un-collared, while others go rogue and feral.

Told from third person point of view, BEAR ATTRACTION finds Walker and Rebecca working together on an assignment. Technically, Rebecca is under Walker's custody because she trespassed onto human-owned land and the Shifter Bureau frowns on any shifters leaving their assigned territory. As part of Rebecca's punishment, she must aid Walker in the search for a missing human female known to frequent shifter bars posing as a shifter groupie. What ensues is a foray into shifter nightlife where our couple finds more trouble at every stop. Even amongst shifters there is discrimination against different kinds.

There is a prior history between Rebecca and Walker; an attraction that finds our couple secretly desiring one another but a desire that has never been acted upon. Throughout the storyline, their attraction builds; there is an overriding need to protect; and the mate bond growing stronger. The sex scenes are limited but the sexual tension is high-so great that the other shifters sense the mate bond before Rebecca and Walker admit it to themselves.

The secondary roles include many of the previous storyline characters including some of the younger cubs and children. We get an up close look into the shifter's personal lives, their loves and their families; as well as the introduction to several new characters and the possibility of a shifter breed not previously known to exist.

The world building continues on the theme of discrimination and prejudice against a species because of their differences. Fear is rampant within the human population, perpetuated by the Shifter Bureau whose aim is to control with intimidation and collars.

BEAR ATTRACTION is a fast paced story with a little bit of suspense, mystery, romance, fun and sex. Jennifer Ashley's wonderful and passionate family of shifters are a tight knit community where shifters of all species have been welcomed into the town but there is no denying that safety is a matter of degrees. BEAR ATTRACTION is a welcome addition to the Shifters Unbound series and a go-to read every time.

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### **The Book Junkie Reads . . . says**

There were sparks flying between these two long before this one came to pass. The chemistry just became a bit richer and more intense. Walker and Rebecca had that something more. We see much more of the dilemma with the shifters and their collars. This adds another layer to it all.

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### **Carmel (Rabid Reads) says**

I've only read **WILD WOLF & MATE BOND**, two werewolf-centric books, but Jennifer Ashley's writing is undeniably addictive, and female bear protagonists are uncommon in Paranormal Romance, so this novella was an easy yes. The addition of a Shifter Bureau added another level to this series' world-building, although this organization might have made its presence known already for readers who took a more linear path to **SHIFTERS UNBOUND** than I. Rebecca & Walker were great characters, and the pacing of their romance was perfect for a short story. When I think 'bears' big and burly immediately comes to mind, and Ashley's most certainly can hold their own when need be; however this author also painted them in a quirky, close-knit light which was both unexpected, and charming. The plot took a few unforeseen turns that I wouldn't mind seeing further explored in future full length installments, and Walker in a cat shifter groupie get-up was hilarious! **BEAR ATTRACTION** is worth every penny!

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### **Izy says**

I really enjoy this series, who doesn't love a good shifter story? This is novella length book about **Walker Danielson** (Human, military liaison between the human Shifter Bureau and Shiftertown) and **Rebecca** (an alpha bear-shifter). Both the characters have been previously part of the other books in the series as secondary characters. Though it's a novella we get to see their relationship develop and learn more about them as characters. I really liked them both, they were both **head strong** if a little stubborn at times but they respected and cared about each other. They also had **great chemistry** and really enjoyed teasing/annoying each other. I think it's pretty difficult to write the story between a female who is an alpha and a shifter and the male is human and do both characters justice. Ms. Ashley did a good job on that front without making their relationship look unbalanced and the characters, jerks. The book also introduced a newer plotline to the series which I'm forward to read more about.

I think the book can work as a standalone but we do some of their earlier interactions in the other books which made me look forward to this book. It may not be my personal favourite novella in the series but it was a **good edition** to the series. *Happy Reading!*

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### **Melindeeloo says**

Bear Attraction totally worked for me even as a novella. While it helped that the leading pair Kodiak bear shifter Rebecca and human Shifter Bureau agent Walker had a bit of history in the previous books, they are both such great characters and all the bits of things that make me a fan of the series pull together in such a

satisfying way that the physical aspect of their relationship is just the cherry on top of the story.

It is always fun to see past players make cameo appearances and Ashley also adds a new element to the story in something that is uncovered during Walker and Rebecca's search for the missing shifter groupie sister to the human who is a friend to growly wolf shifter Roddick. This element and the early reviews for the next novel in the series has me hoping that Ashley will be able to keep this series going for a long time.

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### **Stephanie G says**

#### **3.5 Stars**

Bear shifter Rebecca is in trouble for trespassing on land own by a powerful pharmaceutical company and they want an example made of her. Lucky for her, Shifter Bureau liaison Walker is able to pull a few strings and prevent that from happening by having her assist him in finding a missing woman. Walker may come to her aid but Rebecca is no damsel in distress. She pulls her weight throughout the investigation and up against any hard headed shifter. I really like Rebecca and how her dominance comes so natural. She doesn't need to prove her strength because you can see it in her actions and hear it in her words. I think it's great in such a male dominated series that she can stand out.

Some men would be turned off after watching a woman transform into a Kodiak bear and then sit on you so you can't escape. Walker on the other hands finds Rebecca's power incredibly sexy but as a former soldier, he's unsure of how to go about wooing a woman like her. As with Rebecca, Walker doesn't get lost among the imposing male shifters. He's earned his place among the shifters but it's at the side of Rebecca that he really wants to be and I think that makes him awesome.

The romance isn't as intense as with other couples in this series. It's more along the lines of sweet and though there's little sex, it's still really sensual to watch the mating dance between Rebecca and Walker. A little more passion and less thinking and actual doing would be nice but I'm not disappointed with how their relationship unfolded.

Walker and Rebecca are looking for Joanne's missing sister, the one that brought Joanne into the Austin shifter town and under Broderick's protection. Their investigation is predictable up until the end when a new shifter is introduced. Not really sure how he'll play into future books but I'm definitely interested in finding out. Also, Dylan makes his presences felt in this book and I got to say, he is only getting better. I like seeing the reactions others have to hearing his name and learning how far his power reaches. Overall, it was great to come back to the Austin shifters I love so much. This novella doesn't pack quite as much story or delve that far into the character's pasts as previous ones but still manages to entertain and make me happy.

- Stephanie

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### **Ami says**

Okay, I admit, I was ready to dismiss this novella – especially when in the beginning, Walker and Rebecca seemed to be falling into the 'lust' aspect of paranormal romance rather than a slow and steady progress of 'romance'. Don't get me wrong, I think this series is entertaining – might not be part of my favorite

paranormal/urban fantasy series list that I can rattle off top of my head but I have my fun. But, almost all of the novellas from this series for me were just okay. They are like crunchy popcorn – filled with instant everything, sexy scenes, and then it is over.

So when Rebecca is described as noticing how good Walker's physical traits are (especially since she is mate-less and Walker triggers her mating need) or Walker reacting to Rebecca's allure, I thought this would be another one of those instant-love things. It didn't help that I actually couldn't remember these two very well from the novels. I was forced to check when Rebecca and Walker first appeared in the series!

I am so happy to be proven wrong... because this one was really good and probably my favorite *Shifters Unbound* novella so far! Rebecca and Walker sizzle on the pages, there is chemistry between them and an actual progression of their attraction. There are no immediate writhing bodies, rolling on the bed/floor/grass/forest at all!

What I loved about Rebecca and Walker was that they were pretty much on equal ground. Yes, Rebecca is a Kodiak bear, even among other shifters she is pretty much an Alpha. Walker is just a human male but a well-trained military one; he knows his tricks to deal with dominant shifters, including bears. Having said that, Walker also knows how to step back when needed and lets Rebecca (or other shifters) take charge. He's such a level headed and reasonable hero. I found that a very refreshing turnabout, compared to other warm-blooded aggressive heroes in this series so far (except for Tiger, maybe).

It was fun to read how these two worked side by side to find the missing girl. When danger threatens them, they don't pull the "Alpha" card against each other (Rebecca because she is an actual Alpha or Walker because he is the man). They respect and trust each other – I could see them as partners and not just mere lovers. And I really liked that.

In addition, Ms. Ashley introduced a new development regarding a group of shifters here, which I thought was really interesting. I can't wait to see how this twist will be played out in the overall arc. I wonder if we will get an update on this in the next novel, *Mate Bond*, coming in April.

### **A Guest Review for The Blogger Girls**

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### **Dee says**

3.5 Stars

I was so looking forward to Walker's & Rebecca's story but I really felt this was rushed and was mainly used to introduce new characters and future plots....it should have been longer :(

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## Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Oh Ashley does know how to make a para loving girl smitten! *Bear Attraction* was the perfect shifty treat complete with bears, sexy humans, mystery and a wee bit of danger as Walker and Rebecca are forced to team up to find a missing human woman. And...it just made me happeh. :D

Walker--Nummy nummy! He's laid back total confidence. Sexy, dominant (even though a mere human surrounded by all kinds of shfters) and doesn't get ruffled even when danger is breathing down his neck. I was all on board with Walker. \*nods\*

Rebecca--Is a total badass. She's a Kodiak Bear and yeah. She's rocking some fierce and isn't afraid to throw her weight around. I liked her quite a bit. I love the bears for some reason. They're just so big and whoa! and it was fun having one the focus (and getting to see her bear 'family')

The heat/romance--Was light but it fit these two. They've known each other for a while and totally make each other grr-arg (but it was fun). There's teasing and a little poking at each other. They worked great together though and were a lot of fun. Not too much heat overall though. There's some hot kissin' and a very small bit of lovin' but it was way tame. Still enjoyed them though.

Her eyes flickered, and Walker knew he was right. "Shifters can form the mate bond with humans," Rebecca said, as though determined to argue with him, no matter what. "Look at Liam and Kim, Ronan and Elizabeth. Hell, Tiger and Carly. And Tiger's halfway to insane."

"A human woman is probably what Tiger needs then," Walker said. "Then again, sweet little Carly wrapped me in duct tape and let Tiger dump me into the trunk of her car."

Rebecca's angry look softened.

"Yeah, I like Carly." A smile pulled at her mouth.

Cubs!! I love cubs. They're like...my favoritest thing...ever! I don't care if some are really in their 20s in human years. I still love em. And there were cubs of all kinds in this one and damn it made me happy. I just want to squish them. Hard.

The mystery--Was pretty action packed and fun to follow along as they tried to track down the missing human. Dealing with difficult shifters, some surprise twists, shifter groupies.

All in all, *Bear Attraction* was a beary good time. Heh. I'm sorry. I'm so sorry. That was so so bad but I just couldn't help myself! ::snort:: You really can't go wrong with Ashley's shifters. They're just awesomely

awesome and full of all kinds of sexy shifters, romance and chuckleworthy humor. Oh and this one left off with some interesting potential for future storylines.. Yay for us!

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